June 29, 1926.

Mr. Charles H. Collier,
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Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir:

Your two letters of June 9th and June 26th came duly to hand and were much appreciated. I have noted very carefully the two letters of Mrs. E. T. Comer, and I would be glad if you would advise me just which Collier she is a descendant of.

I would appreciate a copy of all records that she might have on the Collier family.

My son, Mr. D. C. Collier, and myself both have worked on this genealogy at various times for four or five years. While in New York Several years ago I arranged for a gentleman to get up the genealogy from the Society Library, University Place and Washington Square. This Library is still in this location and has nothing whatever to do with the Public Library in New York City.

This genealogy work you know almost runs a man crazy. It is a hard proposition when you commence to broaden out the various branches from the original ancestor of four or five generations back.

The wife of Robert Marshall Collier, my grandfather, was a Greene, a descendant of Nathaniel Greene. Mr. James W. Collier of Mississippi with whom I am personally acquainted also thinks that his branch of the family is a collateral branch of this original Isaac Collier who came to Virginia. There is also a W. V. Collier in Washington, D. C. whose name is William Vines. My grandfather Robert had a brother also named William Vines who was one of the iriginal organizers of the Muskogee Mills of Columbus, Ga. We had an old gentleman, I forget his name, that hund around the Society Library in New York to do the historical work for us. I rather think his name was Lewis. If Mrs. Comer wishes to do the work over you can advise me and I will send you his exact address if living. We also had a Mr. Hunchback of Stone, Staffordshire County, England, to assist us on this genealogy. And my son, Durward, while in Europe last year, visited stone and made further investigations. Doubtless, you can get quite a bit of information right in your own city, Richmond.

I note what you say regarding the name of Howard Collier. There is a young man here by the name of Howard Collier who is a descendant of Cuthbert Collier who was a son of the original

Vines Collier that came to Georgia from Virginia.

They also had Miles evidently in the family as my grandfather had a lot of slaves that used the name of Miles which was evidently taken from some of the older Colliers. At that time they also used the name of Peter and Howard. Isaac Collier, a son of Vines, who was born in Virginia, had a son by the name of Isaac Peter that resided at Thomaston, Ga.

Noting Mrs. Comer's letter of the 19th, you can write her that we had the work done by several people, and the local work here in Georgia, I have collected myself. You can also write her that Mr. N. H. Ballard of Brunswick, Ga.. Former State School Superintendent of Georgia could give her a lot of data on Vines Collier and his descendants. However, she has that in the genealogy I sent you. There is a Mrs. William Bird Tate of Marietta, Ga. who has a genealogy also. She is a descendant of one of Vines Collier's daughters, but her genealogy is not at all complete, neither is it correct.

You can tell her that she need not look up the Coat of Arms as the one we are using is absolutely correct. We spent a lot of time getting it, perhaps six months testing out the correctness.

I am also personally acquainted with Mr. D. C. Collier of San Diego, Cal., later of Washington, D. C., and Still later connected with the Sesquicentennial of Philadelphia but who resigned this place a few months ago. I am also personally acquainted with Robert Collier of Denver, Colorado, but they are not of our collateral branch. Their parents came to America from Scotland or England, and another brother of theirs went to Australia and his son, James, is Premier of one of the territories out there. I am also personally acquainted with Mr. John J. Collier of 1520 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa. but don't think him connected with our family.

I will go back into my files and have a talk with my son in a day or two and send you the names of all persons connected with furnishing us the data.

I will be going on to New York very shortly, sometime the early part of July, and will come through Richmond to see Albert and will try and call on you. I will advise him in ample time.

With most sincere regards and best wishes, I beg to remain

Yours most cordially,

J. C. Collier.

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